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SUBJ: ANDEAN PACT: COLOMBIAN POSITIONS FOR COMMISSION MEETING

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1. BEFORE LEAVING FOR ANDEAN PACT COMISSION MEETING MARCH 11, COLOMBIAN COMMISION MEMBER ALBERTO GALEANO DISCUSSED AUTOMOTIVE AND PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRY SECTORAL PROGRAMS WITH REPORTERS. HE REPEATED COLOMBIA'S EMPHASIS ON THE NEED FOR PROGRESS ON THREE FRONTS: TRADE LIBERALIZATION, AGRICULTURAL SECTOR DEVELOPMENT, AND INDUSTRIAL SECTOR PROGRAMS. COMPLIANCE WITH TRADE LIBERALIZATION OBLIGATIONS BY THE OTHER MEMBERS IS VIRTUALLY A PRECONDITION TO AGREEMENT ON INDUSTRIAL PROGRAMS, AS FAR AS COLOMBIA IS CONCERNED. THESE SECTOR PROGRAMS HE ADDED, MUST BE BASED ON TWIN PRINCIPLES OF EFFICIENT USE OF FACTORS OF PRODUCTION IN BOTH REGIONAL AND EXTRAREGIONAL TERMS, AND EQUITABLE INDUSTRY DITRIBUTION AMONG MEMBER COUNTRIES.

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2. GALEANO CRITICIZED AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR PROPOSAL FOR ASSIGNING TOO FEW VEHICLES AND PARTS TO COLOMBIA. HE SAID COLOMBIA WOULD ALSO ASK THAT THE SECTOR BE DEFINED MORE NARROWLY, AND THAT PRODUCTS NOT "PROPERLY" IN AUTOMOTIVE AND PARTS SECTOR BE DROPPED FROM PROPOSAL.

3. PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRY SECTORAL PROGRAM AS PRESENTLY DRAFTED IS "UNACCEPTABLE" TO COLOMBIA, HE SAID. HIS MAIN COMPLAINT WAS THE CONTRADICTION, AS COLOMBIA SEES IT, BETWEEN PROPOSAL TO FOLLOW OPEN MODEL FOR TRADE OUTSIDE THE PACT WHILE ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS ON INTRAREGIONAL TRADE. THESE RESTRICTIONS ON REGIONAL TRADE IN ARTICLE 34 OF PROPOSAL ARE WHAT IS OBJECTIONABLE.

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